



Festival and sport

Discussions

The heart of the sports programme of the Festival was the Moscow Physical Culture Institute in Izmailovo. Its sports arenas hosted the Peace and Festival Mile races, and friendlies in basketball, volleyball and tennis. Much interest was aroused by meetings with cosmonauts, noted sportsmen, shows and ice-hockey contests. Held in the Institute's rooms were discussions of the International journal "Youth and Sports in Today's Societies". Here is the gist of some of them.

The discussion "Youth and Problems of International Sports and the Olympic Movement" — We ought to value and guard over the ideals and traditions of Olympism, stressed twice Olympic and triple world gymnastics champion, Hungarian Zoltan Mayer. The Olympics should be free of commercialism, discrimination, provincialism and use of stimulants. In selecting capitals of future Games account should be taken of the opinion of national Olympic committees, for if the IOC had asked their opinion Seoul would hardly have been chosen to host the 1988 Summer Olympics.

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Festival simultaneous play session in progress.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHESS AND FRIENDSHIP

50 Soviet and foreign Grandmasters and Masters had a guaranteed big advantage in a simultaneous play session on a thousand boards against participants and guests of the 12th Youth Festival — but the final score did not really matter. You should have seen the way the latter looked forward to meeting ace players led by triple-world champion Anatoly Karpov.

The bouts in the Moscow Central Club athletics and冰球馆

centre were a success. A vast arena was dotted with chess tables and, understandably, the centre was occupied by the opponents of the world champion who won his session 19.5 to 0.5. The only half point he conceded was to 16-year-old Belgrade schoolgirl and one of the best young players in the world Mirjana Meric.

Also taking part were world champions Vasily Smyslov and Mikhail Tal and winners of

recent Internationals Nana Alexandria, Maria Litinskaya, Raisa Vaganian and Artur Yueupov. Among the foreign players were Colombian Grandmaster Alonso Zapata, Czechoslovak Grandmaster Lubomir Flachik, and noted Hungarian player Rita Kas. They lured chess lovers from over 40 countries. All of them got special badges and those who beat or tied with a Grandmaster or Master also souvenirs.



After a meeting at the Physical Culture Institute between delegations and guests of the Festival and the USSR ice-hockey team, everyone wanted to get an autograph from Olympic champion and renowned goalie Vladislav Tretyak.



Natalia Licea (Cuba): It was a pleasure to run in the Festival Mile in Izmailovo because it was my, however small, contribution to strengthening peace. I was overjoyed to come to Moscow from Santiago de Cuba, all the more so that the trip was a reward for my academic success.

Everything here is excellently organized, and I especially liked impromptu meets in various sports — volleyball, ringo, and basketball, with teams drawing together not just representatives of various countries but also connonians.

A scene from the game between the USSR festival team and an all-festival side. The keenness of competition is evidenced by the fact that the hosts prevailed by only one point, 63-64.

Delegates speak

Aeeli Ralekovs (Bulgaria), world rhythmic gymnastics champion: We have come to Moscow to show the whole world that the youth of the planet is against nuclear weapons and "star wars".

Meeting my Festival friends for discussions and during sports encounters I saw that this view was shared by all participants without exception, and this is right: the future belongs to us, and we are interested more than anyone else that it be free of war.

Masih Jais (Yemen): I would not like too much about the hospitality of Muscovites — one word will suffice — excellent! I would like to emphasize the Soviet people's hearts and their desire to help you always and in everything. For instance, if you've lost your bearings in the city they will always give you directions.

Or my colleagues sportsmen:

I play on the Delhi roller hockey team and we are national champions. I was invited for a practice ice-hockey match involving the world top club CAC. I was delighted to watch the phenomenal speeds of a game of the 21st century, the masterly stick handling, and the courage of players engaged in rough combat on the ice.

Later some players came up to me and gave me and my teammates some sticks. I am very thankful to Muscovites for their human warmth.

Corinne Glees (Grenada): A group of sportsmen from our small country — football players and track-and-fielders — tried to enter as many events as possible.

I am in Moscow for the first time. I like very much this giant and still cozy multi-million city. I will especially remember meetings with new friends from various nations.

Festival sports programme coverage by Alexander Bulatov. Photos by Boris Kauzman, Andrei Knyazev and TASS.

AS SEEN BY IOC PRESIDENT

Sports occupies a prominent place in the Festival programme and it was a pleasure to visit Moscow and Leningrad, IOC President and the Festival's honorary guest, Juan Antonio Samaranch, told the press. The Festival has shown the desire of youth to live in peace and friendship — precisely the heart of the Olympic movement. Sport is just and great is the importance of the Festival sports programme which is wonderfully organized.

He described Leningrad's official bid to stage the 17th Winter Olympics in 1996 as a gesture of Soviet sports allegiance to the ideals of Olympia. It was presented to him in Leningrad on behalf of the City Soviet by Chairman of the Executive Committee Vladimir Kryzhev.

Your many Spartakiads, world and European championships and the mass physical culture and sports movement evidence the city's great potential, Samaranch pointed out. But it was particularly emphasized by the 1980 Moscow Olympic, a which Leningrad took an active hand. We all remember the success of that event. It is a great honour for the Olympic movement to get a bid for such a big city with well-known sports traditions.

I hope the city's request will be met, Samaranch pointed out.

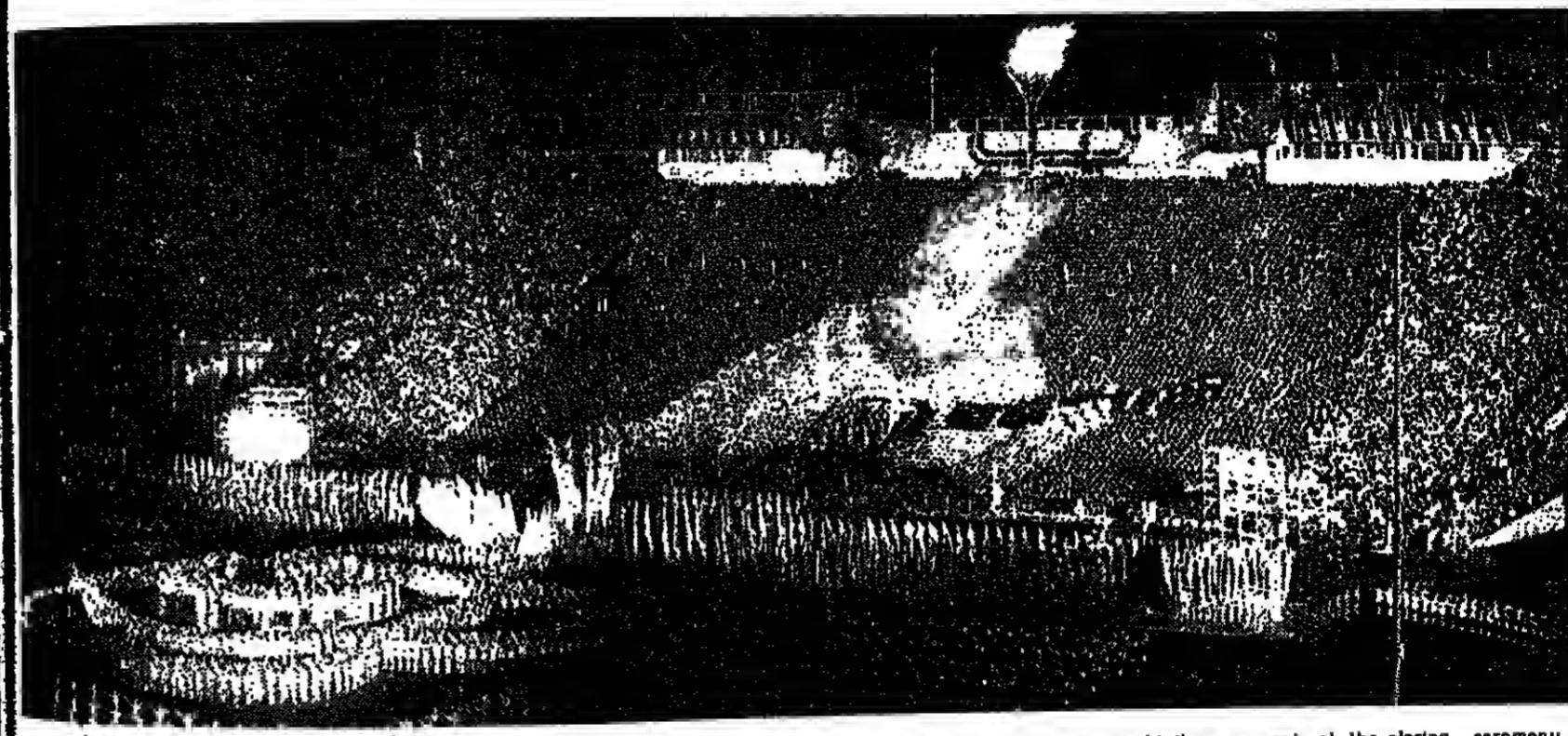
Hungarian tourists visiting the Festival Mile (1.643 m). They had luck for they found about Moscow in Festival day.

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FAREWELL, FESTIVAL!



In Moscow 12th World Festival of Youth and Students has wound up. Our correspondents Boris Kauzman and Andrei Knyazev caught these moments of the closing ceremony at the Lenin Stadium on August 3.

Till we meet again

It is desire to know and understand each other better, to re-unite on what the younger generation of different countries do to solve the most crucial contemporary problems of the world. The guiding idea that drew to the Festival more than 14,000 young people with varying political, philosophical and cultural convictions from 157 countries and also West Berlin. It did not prevent the delegates from concentrating on the main tasks of efforts and cooperation among the broad masses, progressive and peace activists in the fight for universal human rights of each person to live in peace and freedom. We call on the young people in all countries, regardless of their political, philosophical, and religious outlook, to do everything possible to stop the forces of militarism and aggression, their efforts to prevent disasters; put an end to the race for space and conventional weapons on Earth, and disallow their use as well as other weapons of mass destruction.

We call for a peaceful resolution to all controversial issues and for a more just and humane system of international relations. We demand that peace should be free from injustice and violence, which inevitably lead to tensions and conflicts.

Excerpts are extracts from the Appeal to Youths and Students of the 12th Festival of Youth and Students at the Lenin Central Stadium.

Boris Kauzman headed the Festival Committee. The open-minded approach to one another allowed us to work seriously, to have a frank and fruitful exchange of views. This shows that we have much in common — concern and preoccupation, joys and hopes.

Dear Soviet friends, he continued, we shall never forget you and the days we spent in Moscow, where we discovered the beauty of life.

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MIKHAIL GORBACHOV: USSR ready for nuclear disarmament

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He further noted that the Soviet Union treats Japan's non-nuclear status, as embodied in the three "non-nuclear principles", with respect. However we cannot ignore the growing attempt to turn Japan into an American nuclear base, and to boost its military role both within the system of alliance with the United States and in the contemporary world as a whole. Such attempts are fraught with aggravation of tensions to the Far East, as well as in the Asian and Pacific areas. However, there are people who have not drawn the appropriate conclusions from the lessons of World War II and the nuclear bombardment of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

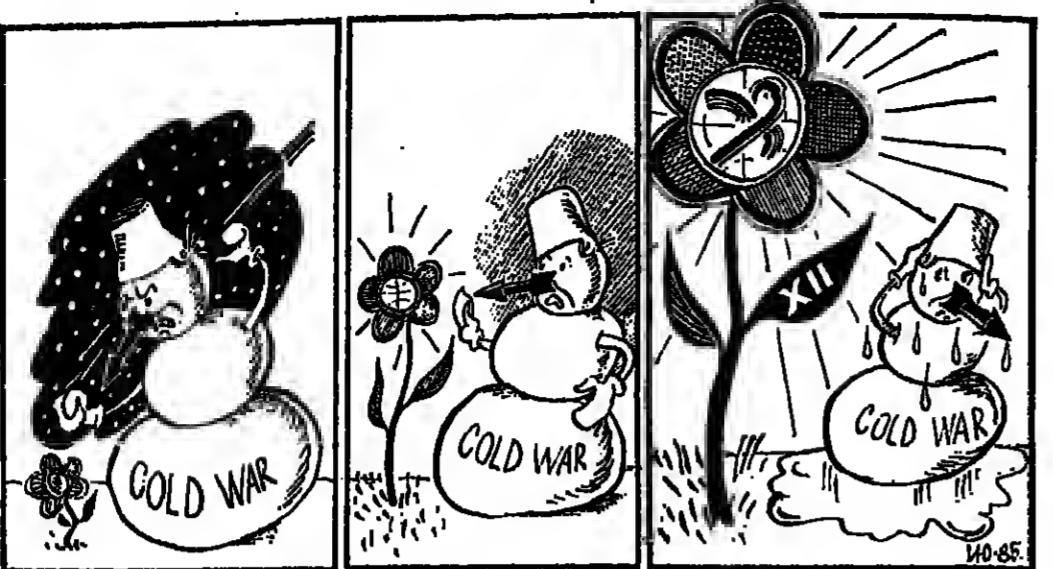
Statement becomes official document

New York. The statement, made by Mikhail Gorbachov, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, on July 29, 1985, on unilateral cessation of all nuclear explosions as of August 6, 1985, has been released at the UN as an official document of the General Assembly.

R. GANDHI MEETS SIKH LEADERS

New Delhi. The Indian Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, recently received a representative delegation at his residence in the Indian capital. During discussions he expressed the hope that the delegation members will actively assist in efforts to combat terrorist activities and also work for consolidation of the country.

The Sikh delegation expressed their support for measures taken by the government to solve the Punjab problem.



I'll freeze it! — it doesn't seem to be affected... — By Jove, I'm feeling hot!
Drawing by Yuri Ivanov

Continental forum ends in Cuba

Havana. Nearly 1,200 delegations representing most diverse political, social, religious and other trends in Latin America and in the Caribbean have attended a meeting held on the initiative of the Cuban leader Dr Fidel Castro. This continental forum discussed the foreign debts of the continent and ways out of the deadlock resulting from the discriminatory policies of capitalist states towards developing countries.

Most of the delegates at the forum favour a refusal to pay the 360,000-million-dollar foreign

Liberian diplomats asked to leave

On July 18 this year, the Liberian Government broke diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union under a false pretext. In view of this, the Liberian chargé d'affaires in Moscow was summoned to the USSR Ministry for Foreign Affairs and resolutely protested to the Liberian Embassy staff that they had been asked to leave the country as soon as possible.

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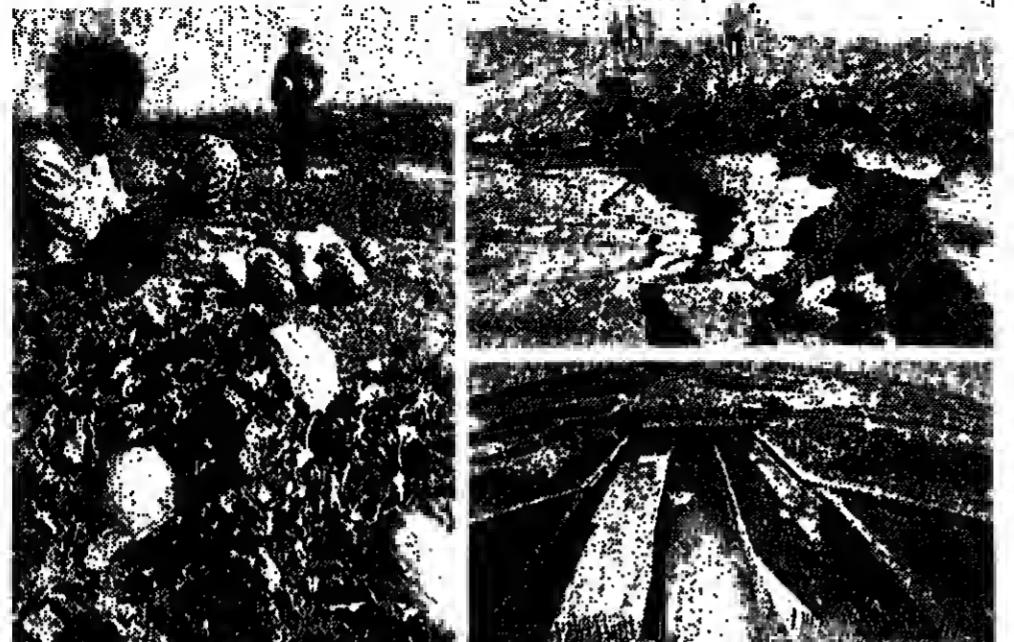
HOME NEWS

Round the Soviet Union

• THE STOREING AND RECORDING OF MEDICAL INFORMATION HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED TO COMPUTERS AT SEVERAL CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTRES IN PENZA (A CITY IN CENTRAL RUSSIA). The programmes for the computers are designed to keep and reproduce all the necessary information about the health and physical development of children. Further use of computers in the health service will help attend the little patients quickly and efficiently.

• SCIENTISTS AT THE MOSCOW INSTITUTE OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY HAVE ELABORATED AND PUT INTO PRACTICE A NEW METHOD OF TREATING INFLAMMATION OF ACCESSORY NASAL SINUSES AND, IN PARTICULAR, ONE OF THE MOST COMPLEX-ETHMOIDAL LABYRINTH. As a result radical operations have been limited by 80 per cent. The method is applied with success in almost twenty clinics in the Soviet Union.

• FRAGMENTS OF A MOSCOW PANEL HAVE BEEN SHIPPED TO PRAGUE TO ABORN THE MOSKOVSKAYA METRO STATION IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK CAPITAL. Flaminia panel which features Moscow landmarks, it was manufactured by the Moscow combine of monumental-decorative arts. In the entrance hall of the Moscow, Pechatnaya Metro station a mosaic panel displaying sights of beautiful Prague will be installed. This panel to be made by masters of brotherly Czechoslovakia, will show the capital's panorama as seen from the historic Charles Bridge.



LIFE-GIVING CANAL

Harvesting water melons on the Yerhet collective farm. • Land clamouring for water. • Interior section of the Karakum Canal with the Murgab River.

The irrigation canal laid across the Karakum Dassari (Black Sands in Turkmenia) is unique both to the Soviet Union and abroad, in length (1,100 kilometres) at present it is second perhaps only to the Amudarya, the longest river is Turkmenia. It carries four times as much water as all other rivers in this Central Asian republic.

At the start of the '70s, the Karakum Canal recouped all the expenses earmarked for its construction and made over four thousand million rubles in profits. Since its first phase was commissioned in 1959, local farmers have been able to produce four times more cotton than previously. The most valuable cotton — the long-

staple variety — grows in the zone of the canal. Besides, the canal is navigable for five hundred kilometres and has become a major transport artery on the desert.

Over the past few years, the line will turn south-west. Water will come to the still arid Turkmenian steppes, and the vast expanses of the Caspian and the barrier formed by the Kopet Dag Mountains put the climate in this area on a par with the Mediterranean coast of Egypt, where the world's most valuable thin-staple types of cotton are grown. The water and the unique climate make it possible to lay a claim to the most valuable cotton — the long-

The spread of wasteless technologies in the USSR is financed by the state. Over the past nine years about 63,000 million roubles were spent on nature protection measures.

Siberian industrial complexes

The first million tonnes of coking coal has been processed at the biggest Soviet concentrating mill, which was recently commissioned in Neryungri, Yakutia — a vast autonomous republic in north-eastern part of Siberia.

It was fuel, gold and diamonds that gave Yakutia worldwide fame. But in recent years,

however, this region has also

become a major supplier of coal both for internal consumption and export. In the south of Yakutia, where the reserves of coal deposits are estimated to be the time of almost 45,000 million tonnes, a major mining complex is being established now. A strip mine has been built there and is producing 13 million tonnes of coal annually. A huge power-end-unit electric station and the biggest coal concentrating mill will also have been erected there. Neryungri, a small township built not so long ago, has now grown into a city and recently celebrated the birth of its 100,000th inhabitant. Every day about a million roubles is spent on construction in South Yakutia.

However the cost, according to specialists, is only "the ground floor" of the South Yaku-

tia complex. At a distance of about 80-100 kilometres Neryungri geologists have discovered vast iron ore deposits. In some places the deposit is near the surface and could be stripmined by the iron content of 60 per cent; the deposit is prime quality. Such a combination of coal and iron at close distances from each other offers an opportunity, specialists believe, to establish a major metallurgical plant there in future.

Other major industrial complexes are growing in Siberia — along the Amur-Belial railway on the basis of Kansk-Achinsk basin, in the West-Siberian oil-and-gas province, and in the Urals. Small boats to shore waters called "dor" will move by means of sails.

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HOME NEWS

Places to visit

Concerts in Ostankino

At the word "Ostankino" many people imagine the biggest television centre and its tower seen tens of kilometres away. Muscovites and their guests also associate the place with its magnificent architectural ensemble of the 18th century.

In the annals of the 18th century the place was a big construction site. Count Nikolai Streltsev, one of the richest men in Russia, fulfilled here the building of a summer palace which contained theatre and concert halls, picture and eating galleries as well as collections of china and sculptures.

Creamy halls had each its own designation — the Egyptian Hall was meant for parties and concerts, while the Italian served as a reception hall. Now the Egyptian Hall is the place for concerts of ancient music. Performing here are the chamber ensembles Osarco and Madrigal, a harp quartet, a chamber choir and the Moscow Conservatoire orchestra.

Concerts in Ostankino may have great prospects exploring depths of 20 to 30 kilometres, which is practically impossible for conventional drilling methods.

Bimetal vaults for construction

Experts in Armenia (Transcaucasian republic) suggested an original way of producing various structural elements. They utilized the effect of bimetallic materials to benefit from their ability to heat easily and subsequent cooling.

By the new method of aluminium and steel are arranged on one side, equally heated at the same length. When these parts self-bonding of plates at a height of 18 metres and, then ready, it can be used for construction of buildings, bridges, etc.

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ing constructed at Solombala dockyard (Arkhangelsk Region) in the north-west of the European Russia. Light wooden boat-sailers (you can't call them otherwise) are known not only in the White Sea but in the seas of many countries as well.

For 75 years seaboard ships, sailing boats, hunting schooners and others came down along the stocks of this oldest Russian dockyard. But "dor" happened to be the most viable vessel. Now, apart from its economical 25 b.p. engine, "dor" will hold well. Here are some calcu-

Fishermen's sails

Sails that seemed to have been implements of sport yachts are now acquiring their original equipment. Small boats to shore waters called "dor" will move by means of sails.

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OF INTEREST

UNUSUAL PATIENT OF LENINGRAD SURGEONS

Moscow Metro builders have been constructing underground mainways in the city for over 50 years. Once this period more than 800 kilometres of tunnel have been laid and 185 stations built, while 180 have been completed before visitors to the Leningrad Zoo after 45 days. The "dor" is as gay and lively as before, though it is

it was for the first time that experts had to replant a monkey. The macaque's tail is less than that of a year-old infant. The operation lasted three hours with the use of long needles assisted by a monkey, who had consented to the procedure.

The introduction of modern technology will make it possible to use one engine driver per train, thus reducing the number of drivers. The 12th-Five-year Plan period will see the introduction of other modern equipment and facilities. It is planned to tunnel additional 34.6 kilometres and build 80 new stations.

New Metro routes will run to the south-east of Moscow, where big residential areas — Lyublino, Maryino and Pechnikovo — have sprung up. Other new lines will be extended to the northern part of the city — up to Otradnoye neighbourhood, and to Kryukovskaya in the north.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Awards for magicians

A group of Soviet magicians has returned with awards from Czechoslovakia, where they took part in the 20th International Festival of Modern Magic Art. The jury conferred two awards on Moscowite Artyom Akopyan — the first prize for comic manipulation and a special prize for exceptional plasticity.

Akopyan, son of the famous magician, Artyom Akopyan, showed a 10-minute compilation featuring nine magicians who surround their tricks with a cover of mystery and mysticism. To be more convincing he used elements of dance, pantomime and other genres and achieved a surprising impact.

The first prize went to a couple of magicians Dostrykov from Perm in their colourful and elegant number with a saucier, bubbles and karchieffs appearing on the iron nohow, drew spectators' admiration.

"Miss Magic" was unanimously awarded in a schoolgirl from Ufa-Ude Darina Tsvetnitskaya. She came to the Festival together with her mother, Vladimir Tsvetnitsky, an artiste with the Buryat Philharmonic Society. She began adopting the ABC of her father's job when she was a fourth-former. Darina got her first "Miss Magic" award last November at a similar festival in Poland.



Masterpiece saved

Will the "Danold" be exhibited again? For a month and a half the numerous visitors to the Hermitage Museum have been asking this question with anxiety and hope. Connoisseurs of painting art from various republics of the USSR and foreign countries, concerned about the fate of the outstanding work by Rembrandt, are seeking the answers from the great treasury of arts.

The disgusting act of vandalism committed last June by a malefactor, arrested immediately after it had made even thin oil to fire art shudder in entire.

Peace theme in Oleg Kiryukhin's sculptures

The author of the composition is Oleg Kiryukhin, whose first success was marked 28 years ago (1957). At the 6th Festival held in Moscow he was awarded a diploma signed by artist Konstantin Yunn for the sculptural composition "Spartacus". The young sculptor offered then his own resolution of the theme of friendship and unity of people: a gladiator extending a hand of friendship, in defiance of death, to another gladiator.

The Victory has been commemorated by many monuments and memorials. But none of them, in Oleg Kiryukhin's opinion, will be able to compare with the Victory Memorial on the Poklonnaya Hill in Moscow, which was designed by a large group of artists and sculptors, among them Oleg Kiryukhin.

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The globe surrounded by leaves of trees—the UN emblem—is carefully held by five men—European, African, Asian, American and an Australian. In a recess formed by these preserving and protecting hands there is a figure of a mother with a child—on image of the invincible force of life and womanhood.

This sculptural composition was unveiled in the days of the 12th World Festival of Youth and Students in front of the Moscow Peoples' Friendship University, where young people from over 100 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America are studying.

Kalman's mystery

Currently on general release in Moscow is a new Soviet-Hungarian film, "Kalman's Mystery". The screenplay was done by noted Soviet writer Yuri Nogin. That is what he says about the film.

Why such a title? What was enigmatic about that man? Well, even though his music enjoyed tremendous popularity, next to nothing is known about him. When the film ran in Hungary, the composer's widow Vera Kalman confirmed its accuracy. "Yes", she said, "we were all exactly like that." I think it is the biggest praise we could get. Peter Huszai's brilliant acting portrayed the entire complexity and contradictions of the lead character. For Kalman was a very sorrowful person but he amazingly transformed his times into merry operettas. Is that not a mystery?

Naturally, the picture has lots of music, scenes from nearly all of his best operettas, and each one was very nicely fused into the plot.



A still from the film.

BUSINESS

USSR AND ASIAN COUNTRIES INCREASE GOODS EXCHANGE

150 students of the Moscow School of Circus and Variety Arts participated in the Cultural Programme of the 12th World Festival of Youths and Students ended recently in the Soviet capital. Next year, the members of the school will celebrate its 60th anniversary at its headquarters. Many masters of Soviet circus began their artistic careers within the walls of this educational establishment.



shooting last episodes of the serial. Sulphur acid was spilled on the canvas.

Thanks to urgent measures taken by restorers the "Danold" has been saved, says the director of the Hermitage Museum, Academician Boris Pritivny. The varnish, covering the canvas, had considerably neutralized the acid's effect and top class specialists soon removed all its traces. Of course, the picture was damaged but not in such a way as to consider it lost. Restorers have started working and today the masterpiece of world painting will be back in the Rembrandt Hall of the Hermitage.

The disgruntled act of vandalism committed last June by a malefactor, arrested immediately after it had made even thin oil to fire art shudder in entire.

August guest performances

Artistic companies and soloists from twelve countries in Europe, Asia and Latin America will demonstrate their skill in more than forty Soviet towns this month. "Victory Lives in the Happiness of Generations" is the title of the programme, which laureates of the 21st Soviet Song Festival held in Zelenye Gora (Pioner) will sing in Minsk, Leningrad, Moscow, Zhilino and Vitebsk.

A number of big Soviet cities will host concerts by Algerian and Syrian artists. The Dutch songstress Margerie Berens will visit the USSR for the first time with the company Koor van der Shals. The billboard of Dutch performers who will give concerts in Tallinn, Riga, Moscow and Leningrad features variety songs and jazz compositions.

Variety song lovers will also meet Golden Orpheus prize winner, Nelli Rangelova of Bulgaria; Hungary's "1982 best souvenirs" Károly Kalome; Czechoslovakia's J. Surákov. The Vitebsk Dance Company will give concerts in the GDR. A folkloric ensemble directed by V. Narins is expected in Colombia and Ecuador.

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Praising labour and valour...

A 3-part Soviet-French TV co-production "Les travailleurs de la mer" is being shot in Batumi, a city on the Black Sea coast. This is the first screen version made by the Parisian Pathé-Cinéma and Gruziefilm Studios.

The embankment between the port and the sea terminal was turned into a whole township full of fanciful wooden structures. In a realm of sets recreating the atmosphere of French ports of Saint-Samson and Saint-Malo in Bretagne, the film makers are

nowadays for the sculptor each recourse to the theme of peace involves returning to the emotions of those years. The happiness of peace, the present

WHAT'S ON!

August 6-9

THEATRES

Operette Theatre at the premises of the Miror Theatre in the Hermitage Garden [3 Korotny Ryot]. 8—Listov, "Sevostopol Wolla". 9—Lchaz, "The Merry Widow".

Slanishevsky Drama Theatre [23 Corky St]. 7—Nezh, "Rain-Maker". 8—Zagladin, "The Molody of Peacock". 9—Rostad, "Cyrano de Bergerac".

At the premises of the Lenin Komsozot Theatre, 7, 8—Mikhalkov, "Nnoch and His Sons". 9—Chervinsky, "The Peper Gromophone".

Chamber Music Theatre [71 Leningradsky Prospekt]. 7—Mozart, "De Schouboudfreaker"; 8—Rossini, "La cambiale di matrimoni". 9—Pashkevich, "The Miser".

Circus performances:

Okyabat, Circus-and-Caret Hall [42 Prospekt Kallant].

9—Evenings devoted to variety: Galina Bobina and Valeriy Lykovskiy (songs); Tatyana Leibel and Vladimir Nalibat (dances).

FILMS

Two Veraines of One [Collage] Odessa Film Studios, USSR.

A film based on a real collection of Soviet and American ships.

Cinema: "Leningrad".

EXHIBITIONS

State Pictures Gallery [19 Krymsky Val], "The Youth of

Cinema: "Leningrad".

COMMUNAL HOURS

Metro 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fare 5-kopeks.

Trolleybuses 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fare 5 kopeks.

Buses 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. Fare 3 kopeks.

Trams 1.30 a.m. to 1.30 a.m. Fare 3 kopeks.

Last 24-hour service. Twenty kopeks in the meter.

To begin plus 20 kopeks per kilometre.

Ordering: 1 cab 24-hour service. Telephone 125-00-00.

Communal cabs (over 40 routes in the city).

1 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fare 15 kopeks.

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Finnish lorries for Siberia

Two years ago, the USSR Ministry of Oil Industry and the well-known Finnish firm of Sisu-auto signed an agreement to design a big lorry specially for operation in severe conditions of Western Siberia. The first four lorries have already been brought to the Tyumen Region for testing. A short while ago a group of specialists from the Finnish firm headed by Markku Laihaka, the leader of the project for the new lorry visited Surgut, the town of Siberian oil workers.

Our firm has had a considerable experience in cooperation with the Soviet Union, he told an MNI correspondent. In some areas of the USSR Finnish-made timber carriers and prime movers are operating successfully. At seaports you can see timber tractors made at the Sisu-auto factories.

Sisu imports from Asia increased during this period very much, more than 1,000 million rubles—an increase of almost 10 million rubles as compared with the first quarter of 1984. Soviet exports increased by approximately 130 million rubles.

India remains USSR's biggest trading partner among the developing countries of Asia. Soviet-Iran trade amounted to 731.9 million rubles during first four months of 1985, which is 117 million rubles more than last year. Soviet imports from India grew almost by 100 million rubles reaching 358.2 million rubles, while exports—by 24 million rubles.

Trade exchanges with China are substantially the same now and reached 229.0 million rubles. Goods turnover in Yugoslavia is growing rapidly. Concerts of the Old Russian Folk Chorus and the Borodin Quartet will take place in Yugoslavia. The symphony orchestra of the USSR Ministry of Culture directed by G. R. Kostyuk will visit Great Britain. The ballet company of the Bolshoi Theatre will be performing in Australia and New Zealand while their colleagues in the Leningrad Kirov Opera and Ballet Theatre will be touring Greece. The Italian public will be entertained by the Black Sea Flute's and Organ and Dance Ensemble's and a so-called group which includes I. Surakov. The Vitebsk Dance Company will give concerts in the GDR. A folkloric ensemble directed by V. Narins is expected in Colombia and Ecuador.

The Chinese government has proved their good manoeuvrability.

In 1982 was a new contract under which Colombia was to purchase 120 more Soviet trolleybuses and spare parts for them. Last June, on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, the last 33 vehicles, provided for by the above contract, have been delivered in Colombia.

According to UN statistics, four times more young people undertake international tours in 1984 than in 1980. No wonder, therefore, that for the first time in the history of the World Festival Movement, the 12th World Festival of Youth and Students (which has just ended in Moscow) dedicated one of its plenary discussion sessions to tourism.

The forum, "The Role of Youth and Student Tourism in Strengthening Peace, Friendship, Mutual Understanding and Solidarity Among Peoples", was attended by representatives of 48 national delegations and seven international organizations.

Apart from the official delegations, 10,000 boys and girls from 40 countries all over the world as well as 12,000 Soviet tourists flocked to Moscow during the Festival. The scope attained by youth and student exchanges in recent years, said Tengiz Abdulkhan, a member of the Soviet delegation. The very idea of creating specialised youth tourist organisations owes its origin to the World Festival Movement. Under its impact the following bodies sprung into life: International Bureau for Youth Tourism, and Exchange (BITRE), the Soviet Sputnik Bureau of International Youth Travel, Jugendtourismus in the German Democratic Republic, CKM in Czechoslovakia and others.

The guests of the Moscow Festival were received by the Soviet Sputnik Bureau of International Youth Travel. The motto of this major world youth tourism organization is "Youth—Tourism". Sputnik cooperates with 550 foreign youth, student, trade unions and tourist organizations in 68 countries. In 25 years of its existence Sputnik has served 40 million tourists including 7 million foreign tourists. Travelling routes offered by Sputnik pass through 100 Soviet cities. On the Crimean Peninsula, in Caucasus, Baltic republics, Central Asia and in other picturesque spots of the USSR 22 international youth camps accommodate young people coming from all the continents of the world.

WEATHER

August 8-9

In Moscow, city and region, warm weather will predominate with night temperatures of 11°, 16°, 23°, 27°C during the day. Short rains are possible totally.

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